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Lr. No. 1932/12-5-50 Forests - Map Officer - Survey of India - Dehra Dun - Contribution by State Govt. - Continuance.

No.F.18-127/46-R.
Government of India.....
Ministry of Agriculture
New Delhi, the 23rd March 1950.
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From

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To.

The Secretary to the Govt. of

1) Uttar Pradesh, Forest Department, Lucknow.

2) Bombay, Revenue Dept., Bombay

3) Madras, Development Department, Madras.

4) Madhya Pradesh, Forest Department, Nagpur.

5) West Bengal, Calcutta.

Subject: FOREST MAP OFFICE, SURVEY OF INDIA, DEHRA DUN, PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the correspondence ending with the Department of Agriculture(Now Ministry of Agriculture) letter No.F.18-127/46-R, dated the 28th October,1946 and of even No. dated the 19th January,1949 (for West Bengal only) on the subject mentioned above, indicating the contributions payable for each year by the State Governments for the maintenance of the Forest Map Office of the Survey of India. In view of the altered conditions now prevailing due to high price-level, revision of pay scales etc., the Ministry of Agriculture have reviewed the basis on which the Forest Map Office which now ~~are~~ does work for the State Governments could be continued in the future. As the Government are aware, the cost of maintenance of this office has considerably increased, in common with the increased cost of various other establishments, in the past very strong views were expressed for the continuance of this Central Forest Map Office in view of the high quality of Forest maps made available by the Survey of India. This position, it is believed, has not been now changed and the State Governments would pherhaps like to continue the office as hitherto. On the otherhan the contributions made by the State Governments towards the maintenance

of this office do not measure up to the capital expenditure involved. After careful consideration, the Surveyor General has proposed that if the Forest Map Office should continue, the future contributions from the State Governments towards its maintenance should be as under:-

Province	Forest area in sq.miles.	Present contributions.	Proposed contributions.
Bombay	13,660	3,800	5,600
Madhya Pradesh	18,720	5,200	7,600
Madras	17,360	4,800	7,100
Uttar Pradesh	5,080	1,400	2,100
West Bengal	2,650	560	1,100
	57,470	15,760	23,500

2. The contribution now proposed works out to Rs.409/- (approximate) per thousand square miles of Forest area as against Rs.274/- on an average, under the present agreement. The increase in the rate is due as already explained, to general revision of pay scales of staff, grant of dearness allowance and other concessions, increase in the cost of material and consequent increase in overheads. The Govt. of India consider that the proposed new rate is reasonable according to present-day standards.

3. The revised rates of the contributions now proposed will remain in force, if agreed to by the State Governments, for a period of 3 years-viz:1949-50.1950-51, and 1951-52 for the present. When the financial integration of States is completed and the Government of India have had an opportunity of collecting fresh data about the forest areas of the new States, which will participate in the scheme of the maintenance of the Forest Map Office, necessary action will be taken to re-assess the rate of contribution and distribute it among all States.

4. I am to enquire whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh etc., agree to the proposal and the revised rates. A very early reply will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.....
(J.V.S. Nehemiah)
Under Secretary.

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Copy of letter No.Ms.1932 dated 12-5-50 from the Secretary, Development Department, Fort. St. George, Madras to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

Sub: Forests - Map Office- Survey of India- Dehra Dun-
Contribution by State Government - Continuance-

I am directed to ~~xxx~~ refer to Sri Nehemish's letter No.F.18-127/46-P dated 23-3-1950 and to state that the Government of Madras agree to contribute Rs.7,100/- (Rupees Seven thousand one hundred) annually, towards the cost of the Forest Map Office, Survey of India, Dehra Dun for the three years from 1949-50 to 1951-52.

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Superintendent.

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